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1. Object 29 is a prospecting unit, the functions of which are exploration and drilling. Workings which are found to be productive are transferred to exploitation units for development. Its headquarters is in Ronneburg. When the headquarters of Object 11 came to Ronneburg in February 1955, the transport department of Object 29 was moved into its present location in the same block of buildings as the municipal kindergarten.
2. The organization of Object 29 includes a transportation department formerly known as Garage 29 and now called Expedition II. The head of this department is a Russian named Antonov [ ] 25X1  
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[ ] All other staff members are German. 25X1
3. The transport department consists of:
  - a. the garage supervisor;
  - b. 3 dispatchers;
  - c. 3 fitter brigades; (Brigaden)  
Each brigade consists of a foreman and 10 men and has access to the appropriate equipment and spare parts for the maintenance and repair of the department's vehicles.
  - d. 1 bus brigade;  
This brigade consists of a foreman and 10 men, who drive the department's four buses, carrying workmen to and from the shafts. Until recently, there were 8 such brigades, but 7 have been transferred to a mining unit, Object 90.
  - e. 11 transport brigades;  
These have a total of 121 load-carrying vehicles of various types, including 4-ton trucks, 2.5-ton tippers, 2-ton Molotovs, and 8 special survey trucks. The special survey trucks have Russian drivers and are used exclusively by Russian engineers.
  - f. 1 motor-car brigade;  
This has 15 motor cars.
  - g. 11 special two and three-axled vehicle-mounted drilling rigs known as UKB.

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## 4. Object 29 operates in the following areas:

a. Stolzenberg

A very productive shaft, originally opened by Object 29, is in the course of being transferred to Object 11, a development unit, for exploitation. During the exploratory excavations, the average output per shift was 40 tip trucks (Kipper), that is, 160 tons of ore of Sorte II. Some of the workings will be open-cast and some underground. Object 29 is now carrying out further exploratory drilling in this area.

b. Schmirchau

A shaft was transferred from Object 29 to Object 90, a mining unit, two years ago. Object 11 is constructing the largest shaft installation of the area here, with two entrances 8 meters in diameter and 100 meters apart. The presence of a large deposit of ore has been established, extending from a depth of 40 meters to 200 meters. Schmirchau is now the most important district of the whole region. The Russians are expediting the mining. A substantial part of the output is Sorte I. The plans envisage an 8 km. extension of the present workings, as far as Stolzenberg, and the complete removal of the village of Schmirchau; its cemetery will be moved to Ronneburg. Object 29 is carrying out further exploratory drilling.

c. Lichtenberg

Transfer to Object 90 of a very productive shaft began in early 1955. Ore of Sorte I is produced. Several new shafts are in the course of construction, and further exploratory drilling is being carried out by Object 29.

d. Gamburg/Saale

Survey work and drilling were begun here in 1954 but stopped during winter. Work began again on 11 May 1955.

e. Brandenburg

Investigations also began in the Brandenburg area on 11 May 1955; these are limited to the testing of water for radioactivity. Samples are taken from existing wells, ponds, and surface water, as well as from test borings, some of which are made with hand-operated drilling machines which can reach a depth of 10 meters.

1. Comment: Sic. Probably a mistranslation of the German Spedition, meaning shipment. The term should probably have been translated as "Shipping Office II".

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